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In re Application of  
Samii, Garrin et al. :  
Serial Number: 10/709,545 :  
Filed: May 12, 2004 :  
For: SHUTDOWN SEPARATORS WITH IMPROVED  
PROPERTIES :  
: PETITION UNDER  
: M.P.E.P.708.02 V  
: AND VI

This is in response to the petition filed May 19, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under Sections 708.02 V and VI of the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.102(c) (no fee required).

The request for Special Status considered under Section 708.02 V and VI is granted because criteria under 37 CFR 1.102(c) has been met.

Accordingly the petition is **GRANTED**.

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